

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of	)	<b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b>
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Mitsufumi WADA et al.	)	Group Art Unit: 1633
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Application No.: 10/573,813	)	Examiner: Maria Leavitt
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For: BIOCATALYST FOR PRODUCTION	)	
OF D-LACTIC ACID	)	

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION AND  
ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENTS**

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action (Restriction and Election of Species Requirements) dated January 26, 2009, Applicants submit herewith the following Amendment and Reply.